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VIA FAX  
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Buzz Gerrick, V.P. of Operations  
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Re: Approval to Remove North Perimeter Ditch/Disposition of Fence, Western States Mineral Corporation, J.B. King Mine, ACT/015/002-BR99B, Emery County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Gerrick:

This letter confirms the verbal approval already given to previously to remove the North perimeter ditch, as identified in your letter dated October 14, 1999. Additionally, I have attached a letter to the Division from SITLA (letter to Mary Ann Wright from Jim Cooper, dated October 22, 1999.) This letter clarifies that the landowner, SITLA, "requests that the fence, including the metal gate posts which are set in concrete be removed as part of the reclamation effect." The Division concurs with this recommendation.

As we discussed previously, if you would call me or Susan White to advise us when the work is being done, so that someone may be onsite, would be greatly appreciated.

I have tentatively scheduled December 1, 1999 for the bond release inspection. Please let me know soon if that date is amenable to your schedule. I need to advise the required parties about this inspection soon.

If you have any questions, please call me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Pamela Grubaugh-Littig'.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Mary Ann Wright  
Susan White

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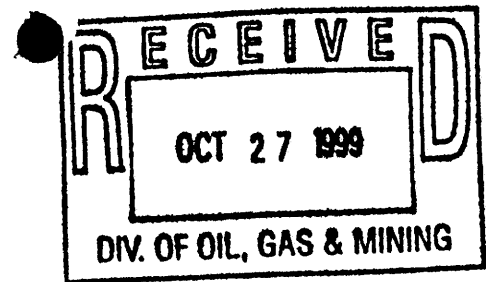
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October 22, 1999

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RE: J.B. King Mine Bond Release Review  
ML 1003, et. al.  
Permit #ACT/015/002  
Emery County, Utah

*Copy Mary Ann  
[Signature], Susan*

Dear Mary Ann:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the final reclamation of surface disturbances located on trust lands within the J.B. King Mine permit boundary. Based upon discussions with John Blake, Mineral Resource Specialist and Jan Parmenter, Reality Specialist for the Trust Lands Administration, please consider the following:

The Trust Lands Administration concurs with leaving the sediment impoundment in-place. The relatively small amount of water flowing into the impoundment each year may provide an incremental enhancement to post-mining grazing practices in the area. The impoundment is typical of many similar stock watering ponds constructed by ranchers and landowners throughout Emery County and we do not believe long term maintenance is an issue.

The Trust Lands Administration would prefer that the land be returned as near as possible to the pre-mining condition, therefore, we request that the fence, including the metal gate posts which are set in concrete be removed as part of the reclamation effort. We also request that at the conclusion of reclamation the signboard and posts identifying the project area also be removed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact John Blake or me.

Sincerely,  
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

*[Signature]*  
James D. Cooper  
Assistant Director